

Abstract

A vehicle system (1) for operation in a motor vehicle has an operator control (15) for operating the vehicle system (1) and a controller (12) for influencing operation of the vehicle system via the operator control (15), a device (11) being provided, which is designed for determining whether the operator control is being accessed by the driver (2) or another occupant (3) of the vehicle, and the controller (12) being designed for influencing the operation of the vehicle system (1) via the operator control (15) at least as a function of whether the operator control (15) is being accessed by the driver (2) or another occupant (3) of the vehicle.

A vehicle system according to the present invention having the features of the independent patent claim has the advantage over the related art that operation is influenced depending on whether the vehicle system is being accessed by the driver or another occupant of the vehicle. Operator access which may excessively distract the vehicle driver from the actual driving task is thus effectively disabled. At the same time, the vehicle system remains fully, or at least largely, operational for other vehicle occupants.

(Figure 1)